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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

This Response addresses the final Office Action dated October 31, 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 20-41 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 20-24, 27-29, 38 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,661,303 to Teder (the "Teder reference"). It is respectfully submitted that the Teder reference does not render claims 20-24, 27-29, 38 and 41 obvious for at least the following reasons.

The Office Action states that the Teder reference discloses all of the features of claim 20. The Office Action states that the Teder reference discloses a housing 28 including a light conducting element 24 forming a cover of the housing. The Examiner supports this rejection by stating that the housing of the Teder reference includes a light conducting element 24 that forms the cover of the housing 28. Furthermore, the Examiner states that the present application shows the light conducting element 10 separated from the housing 6 as described on page 4, paragraph 1, of the specification.